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INDIA S RANK IN WORLD TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT INDEX
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether India ranked 85th in the recently released world trade and development index report by UNCTAD; and

(b) if so, whether the Government has taken any steps to analyse the position and take steps to improve its ranking in terms of trade and development?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) & (b) The UNCTAD has ranked India at 86th position in its Report "Developing Countries in International Trade 2007 − Trade Development Index (TDI)". The report has pointed out that India has improved its rank from 90 in 2005 to 86 in 2006 as its overall TDI score rose from 413 in 2005 to 433 in 2006. The components of TDI include international finance, macro-economic stability, domestic finance, financial intermediation, institutional quality, trade performance, human capital, physical infrastructure, economic structure, environmental sustainability, openness to trade, foreign market access, and economic & social well-being. In the analysis the developing countries' performance has been benchmarked against the TDI scores of developed countries.